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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TELECON BETWEEN COMMERCIAL OFFICE AND
DENVER CONFERENCE, MAY 23

DAY-LONG MEETING ON EAST-WEST TRADE SCHEDULED DENVER,
COLORADO, MAY 23, WITH NUMEROUS COLORADO SPONSORS, INCLUDING
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DISTRICT OFFICE. SPONSORS DESIRE
SET UP TELECON AT DENVER LUNCHEON. TELECON WOULD PRESUMABLY
INVOLVE MELENCAMP, NILES, BLOW, OR OTHER DESIGNEE AT COMMERCIAL
OFFICE AND JOHN CONNOR OF U.S./U.S.S.R. TRADE AND ECONOMIC
COUNCIL OFFICE IN MOSCOW, AND J. MISHELL GEORGE OF BEWT AND
HAROLD SCOTT OF ABOVE COUNCIL AT DENVER END. PUSPOSE IS TO
GIVE ADDED EAST-WEST TRADE FLAVOR TO CONFERENCE AND DEMONSTRATE
COMMUNICATIONS EFFECTIVENESS.

ENVISAGED IS BRIEF EXCHANGE AMONG PARTICIPANTS TOTALLING
ABOUT 5 MINUTES -- 10 MINUTES ON OUTSIDE -- ON QUESTIONS
TO WHICH COMMERCIAL OFFICE WOULD BE GIVEN SEVERAL DAYS TO DEVELOP
SUCCINCT RESPONSES. COMMERCIAL OFFICE IS ALSO FREE TO SUGGEST
QUESTIONS IT WOULD PREFER TO BE ASKED AND WHICH IT THINKS
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MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL TO LUNCHEON PARTICIPANTS.

HAVE CONCLUDED HERE THAT CONFERENCE CALL WITH BOTH CONNOR'S OFFICE AND COMMERCIAL OFFICE NOT PRACTICAL. THEREFORE, WOULD SUGGEST MOSCOW PARTICIPANTS GATHER AT COMMERCIAL OFFICE WHERE CALL FROM DENVER WOULD BE DIRECTED TO 255-4660 BETWEEN 9 AND 9:15 P.M. MOSCOW TIME, MAY 23.

DESIRE SOONEST RESPONSE FOLLOWING:

1. IS COMMERCIAL OFFICE WILLING PARTICIPATE IN BASIC PROPOSED TELECON?

2. IF SO:

A. WILL COMMERCIAL OFFICE QUERY JOHN CONNOR ON HIS PARTICIPATION?

B. DOES COMMERCIAL OFFICE HAVE QUESTIONS IT WOULD PREFER TO BE ASKED, KEEPING IN MIND BUSINESSMAN MAKEUP OF CONFERENCE LUNCHEON PARTICIPANTS AND TIME LIMITATIONS? RUSH

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